Dr Angel Wesley

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Dr Angel Wesley is a Harvard Law School–educated commercial lawyer with more than 20 years of experience across a broad spectrum of corporate and commercial law, including financial services, artificial intelligence, private equity, regulatory licensing, mergers and acquisitions, and complex legal structuring.

Having spent many years at a leading international law firm, as well as in senior in-house roles with multinationals and UAE-based entities, Angel brings a comprehensive understanding of both the technical and practical aspects of legal advisory work. She has advised clients across the globe, with particular expertise in cross-jurisdictional corridors, and serves on the boards of client businesses with significant investment portfolios, family offices and investment funds.

Areas of expertise

- Financial services and regulatory licensing, including Shariah-compliant finance
- Artificial intelligence and fintech
- Private equity, investment funds and family offices
- Mergers and acquisitions
- Complex corporate and legal structuring
- Cross-border and cross-jurisdictional transactions
- Board-level governance

Selected experience

- **Chief Legal Officer**, Mal — an AI-native, Shariah-compliant financial services group headquartered in Abu Dhabi (2025–present)
- **Director, Board of Directors**, Pikebay Group (2019–present)
- **CEO and Chief Legal Officer**, Private Family Office — overseeing all aspects of day-to-day operations of a single family office (2013–2025)
- **General Counsel**, Bridge Nine Capital Partners
- **General Counsel and Corporate Secretary**, Al Dhabi Investment
- **Associate**, Norton Rose Fulbright — ranked in the top 10 law firms in the world

Education, admission & recognition

- Harvard Law School graduate
- Admitted to the State Bar of Texas (2005)